

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: EFFICIENT USE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERING RESOURCES	DOCKET NO. NOI-00-3
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**ORDER REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR
CENTRAL OFFICE CODES**

(Issued July 24, 2002)

On March 21, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order requiring that each time a communications service provider files an application for a new central office code with the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the service provider must also file a copy of the application with the Board. This has allowed Board staff to review each application for compliance with Board requirements and has helped to avoid issuance of central office codes based on invalid applications. This process has been an important part of the Board's number conservation efforts.

However, NANPA has now automated its application process with a new Carrier Application System that makes it possible for carriers to apply for and receive codes more quickly than before. As a result, in some cases NANPA has assigned a new central office code before Board staff received the application. In order to preserve staff's ability to review the application before the code is assigned, while at the same time preserving the speed and efficiency of NANPA's automated process,

the Board is issuing this order to clarify that rather than formally filing an application, carriers will be required to send an executed application to the Board by facsimile transfer or electronic mail prior to submission to NANPA. The applications may be faxed to 515-281-5329 or electronically mailed to randy.thoesen@iub.state.ia.us. However, if a carrier intends to apply for confidential treatment of the information contained in its application, it must continue to file the application formally in compliance with the procedures of 199 IAC 1.9, and should file the application with the Board before it is submitted to NANPA.

Finally, because the procedures established by this order are intended to apply generally to all communications service providers, the Board will commence a rule making proceeding in the near future to consider incorporating these procedures into its regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Whenever any communications service provider in Iowa files an application with the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for new or additional central office codes, the service provider shall either fax or email a copy of the application to the Board or file three copies of the application with the Board. The copies shall be filed with the Board at least two days prior to the date the original application is received by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. Copies may be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Iowa Utilities Board, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Each such filing should include on the first page

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sufficient information to identify the service provider, a contact person, and a reference to this docket (Docket No. NOI-00-3).

UTILITIES BOARD

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/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of July, 2002.